

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 25, 2010

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 8:00 p.m. on March 25, 2010.

Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye certified that the meeting was noticed in the Annual Meeting Notice. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Township Municipal Building, all on March 23, 2010. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

East Windsor Fire Company #2 President Mark Cohen led the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Marc Lippman, and Council Members Walter T. Daniels, Jr., Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro, and Marsha Weinstein. Also present were Township Manager Alan M. Fisher, Township Attorney David E. Orron and Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

David Bock of 619 Greenwich Court asked that the public be aware any changes and/or movement regarding the police consolidation study.

Mayor Mironov stated that the process has been public and would continue to be.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. Impact of Governor's Municipal Aid Cuts to Township

A. 2010 Municipal Budget

Mayor Mironov stated East Windsor would be receiving \$904,217.00 less than the previous year in state aid, which is a very significant amount. She stated that this money was almost all taken from the energy tax receipts, which is historically municipal money. She noted that for many years, the monies were received directly by the municipalities. In recent years, the state had reduced the consolidated aid in response to how much the energy tax receipts had increased. She noted that East Windsor does not receive much aid aside from the tax receipts. She stated that significant changes have already been made in anticipation of a difficult fiscal year, and that this was an additional and unexpected blow.

B. Resolution R2010-63

Authorizing Participation in the New Jersey Health Benefits Program Act of the State of New Jersey

Mayor Mironov stated moving into the state health benefits system would result in significant savings. She noted that this would require agreement for all employees but that they wished to start the process. She also noted they are currently in contract negotiations with the unions.

It was MOVED by DANIELS and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2010-63 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-63 was adopted.

C. Resolution R2010-64 Adopting the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A 52:14.17.38) Under Which a Public Employer May Agree to Pay for the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) Coverage of Certain Retirees

Mayor Mironov stated the attachment should specify that the arrangements were through December 31, 2009.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2010-64 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-64 was adopted.

D. Resolution R2010-65 Calling on Governor and Legislature to Restore Energy Tax Receipts

Mayor Mironov stated that a previous resolution had been drafted 2 years ago expressing concern about state treatment of the tax receipts.

Mr. Daniels asked how the state's actions were being justified.

Mayor Mironov stated that the interpretation of the statute now being used was that the State was distributing the minimum amount needed according to law.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by WEINSTEIN that Resolution R2010-65 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-65 was adopted.

E. Resolution R2010-66 Closed Session (Collective Bargaining: Teamsters Local Union 676; Communication Workers of America Local 1032; Superior Officers Local 191; Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 191; Teamsters Local Union 469) (Personnel)

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2010-66 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-66 was adopted.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Cindy A. Dye
Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor